

Local Champions Will Have Hard Time With Second Team

Richmond Team Is Strong Outfit

Harry Shurtleff Intends to Resign

Battle-ax Aggregation Will Face Local Post-season Series Winner—Southern Club Has Crack Battery—Other Comment.

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The team that will represent Richmond in the Intercity series this season will be about 100 per cent stronger than the team that represented Philadelphia and New York last year.

In Richmond there are four amateur leagues under the amateur commission and only one circuit will be counted in picking the team which represents the Southern city in the Intercity games.

The Battle-ax team, present leaders of the Richmond Amateur League, the parent organization, will more than likely win the pennant in that league and represent Richmond in the series. With a record of nineteen wins and only one loss, the Battle-ax aggregation will enter the series well prepared for hard battles, and the outcome will not be as easy for the Cornell Tigers, or the team that wins the title in Washington, as it was for the Tigers last year.

In Richmond the feeling among the amateur ball players is that the Battle-ax team will be more than a match for the Cornell Tigers, who are picked generally to win the title here. But Sid Lodge, the local ball tomer, who played on the Richmond team of the Virginia League, said, regarding the team: "Cornell can beat them 12 to 0 and never have to exert themselves." This may be going it rather strong, but coming from one who has seen the team in action and who knows a fast ball club when he sees one, it should be pretty good.

The following is the personnel of the Battle-ax club, of Richmond, Va.: Joe Boehling, pitcher, has been with the club four years. Was star pitcher on McGuire's School team. He has refused several league offers. Last year his champion amateur batter of the city. This year has batted .375, and has not lost a game in the box.

J. T. Whitfield, first baseman, formerly played with the White Sox of Chicago. This has been his best year in fielding and batting, having an average of .363.

Charles Schmidt, left fielder, played with High School and Skremer. Second year with Battle-ax. He is a good fielder, covering a large territory. Good batter, and has batting average of .326.

Frank E. Blount, second baseman, playing ball with St. Andrew's team. Second year with Battle-ax. Undoubtedly best third baseman in the city and destined for big league. Has fine throwing arm, covers lots of ground, and hits the ball hard. Average .327.

Louis W. Dowden, second base, played with St. Andrew's team, and for two years with Journal team. Probably the best all-around player in the city. Fine fielder and throws accurately to the bases. Good base runner and heavy hitter.

Charles Doggett, shortstop, played with High School. Third year with Battle-ax. He is a good fielder, accurate on ground balls, and pegs to first base with speed. Always hits the ball and a good base runner.

James Bowers, center fielder, formerly played with Fulton Braves. Excellent fielder and good base runner. Hits the ball hard.

Joe Whitfield, right fielder and pitcher. Last year was sixteen and lost two games for the Billikens. Good fielder, and in the box was his best. Has only lost one game this year.

Frank Boehling, catcher, formerly played college ball. Has been backstop for Battle-ax for four years. Knows how to coach his pitcher and is invaluable to the team.

Dr. William H. Parker, manager of the Battle-ax club, is a great lover of amateur sports and has been interested in baseball for several years. Whenever the occasion arises he gets in the game and holds his end up. A great deal of credit for the success of the team is due to the hustling manager, and the fans of Richmond are strong for him.

The only salvation for such cases as the Joe Engle one is for the commission to adopt the one-man-one-team rule as submitted by President Beach, of the District League.

This would put a stop to a player joining three teams, causing one of these to lose the pennant, and hurt them to a grave extent, should the league take action on the matter.

all fairness to Manager Cornell it must be said that he told the board of arbitration that he would reopen the case at the next meeting of the board.

Manager Cornell contends that if Engle was signed by Andrews and Manhattan and not placed on the eligible list, those teams carried more than twenty men, and that was a direct violation of the rules of the Amateur Commission. He also contends that as he played Engle before any one else had the first right to his services, as he did not think a contract at all, and they have played with more than two teams at that.

It seems rather unfair to take Engle away from Cornell at this stage of the game, and while the board did not see the evidence presented at the meeting Friday night, Manager Cornell should have had his side of the case ready and all his evidence on hand. His failure to produce a contract caused the board to make its decision.

The Naval Medics have practically won the hunting in the Marquette League, as the St. Stephen's team now have a small chance at the best, and the Doctors are credit strong. No small amount of the credit for putting the team in the lead and holding it there is due Manager Collier, the hustling leader of the Doctors. His untiring efforts and never-say-die spirit has worked wonders and the Medics will be heard from in the post-season series.

"Dusty" Rhodes, the youngster who shut out Ingram Friday in the Sunday School League, without a hit or run, and passed only one man to first, the only man to reach the initial station, has come to light as a twister of class just this season, playing with the fast team, "Crack Independent organization." "Dusty" was a fair player at best, but now the hustling child is rated high among the amateurs of the district. Loveless and O'Neil, two other members of the Rosedale aggregation, are putting up great ball in the different leagues, and promise to make a better showing next season, as they are all youngsters.

Amateur Editor The Washington Herald: Southern R. R. Auditors evidently got cold feet before they decided to front the Alexandria Baseball Club, at Alexandria on Saturday. Alexandria does not claim a forfeit from the Auditors, but only claim that the Railroads showed a bit of yellow. Let it be said that it is best that the Auditors keep their line up in 1930, not on the other side of the river.

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THOMPSON TWIRLS A ONE-HIT GAME

Only Safety Is a Home-run Clout by Carter.

Bureau of Engraving was the victim of a one-hit game in the District League. Forest Thompson, Adams Express twister, being in exceptionally rare form. Bureau's lone home in the seventh inning, when Carter handed out one of Thompson's shots and drove the ball over right field fence for a home run. Thompson caused twelve Engravers to whiff the atmosphere, and did not allow a pass.

Snyder and Hanson carried off the stick honors, the former combining a single and a home run, and the latter two singles and a double. Score: Adams, 1; Engraving, 12.

Adams, ARHOAE: Bureau, ARHOAE: O'Neil, 2; 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36; 37; 38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 50; 51; 52; 53; 54; 55; 56; 57; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 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